

Academic Literature: G8-G9

Course Description

In this course, students will continue literary reading and analysis, learn to connect literature with the real world through academic text, and hone their writing skills through short responses and essays. Students will read a wide array of novels, short stories, and poetry on the theme of **power** and **human nature**, and expand their understanding of these themes through academic articles on science and social sciences, news articles, and history passages. To hone analysis skills and synthesize knowledge and understanding of the material, students will write analysis essays on themes, poetry, and prose, which are necessary for both AP and IB English courses and exams.

Overview

Each class will cover the following elements:

Academic Vocabulary

Grammar and/or **Literary Concept** (sentence types, subject-verb agreement; figurative language, conflict)

In-class **Writing** related to reading homework/material

Discussion and **Analysis** of homework, in-class writing, reading material

Homework - reading, writing homework related to discussion,

Reading Materials and Skills

Novels

theme analysis

symbolism

literary criticism

Lord of the Flies William Golding

Animal Farm George Orwell

Short Stories

theme analysis

characterization

narrative structure

Most Dangerous Game Richard Connell

Good Man is Hard to Find Flannery O'Connor

The Lottery Shirley Jackson

and more...

Poetry

poetic structure

poetic devices

figurative language

tone/mood

The Second Coming W.B. Yeats

Ozymandias Percy Bysshe Shelley

Fire and Ice Robert Frost

and more..

Writing Types and Skills

Diverse types of writing

literary analysis

argumentative

compare/contrast

creative/narrative/descriptive

Writing skills

thesis construction and outlining

essay structure/organization/cohesion

extracting evidence

essay editing and revision

final writing assignment to synthesize their reading and writing knowledge gained throughout that unit.

Assessments and Feedback

vocabulary tests

Final writing assignment and/or project after every novel unit

Writing assignments and in-class writings marked with feedback and suggestions.

Individual student feedback will be given to parents at the middle and end of the term